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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa.

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Julio María Sanguinetti, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay.

7. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

8. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Rt. Honourable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold a meeting at the level of Foreign Ministers on "The situation in Africa" on Thursday, 24 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber.

3 p.m. 8th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Mexico

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable William Skate, M.P., Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Prime Minister of Japan.

   Argentina

   Indonesia

   Costa Rica

   Norway

   Côte d'Ivoire

   Yemen

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Board of Auditors
2. Draft report

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [9] (DP/FPA/1998/9, DP/FPA/1998/10, DP/FPA/1998/11, DP/FPA/1998/12)
2. UNFPA: South-South cooperation [10] (DP/FPA/1998/13)
3. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5] (DP/1998/35, DP/1998/36)
4. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/1998/29, DP/1998/29/Add.1, DP/1998/30, DP/1998/31, DP/1998/32, DP/1998/33, DP/1998/33/Add.1)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group on Monday, 21 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E.]

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Saturday, 19 September 1998

There will be a Ministerial Meeting of UNDP/UNEP *today*, 19 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Monday, 21 September 1998

RIO GROUP:

Coordinators

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASEAN

11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Preparatory Committee Summit

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 15

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Draft Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

SOUTH CENTRE SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GROUP OF 77

12 noon-1 p.m.	opening ceremony*	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* The meeting will be addressed by H.E. Mr. Nelson Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Andrés Pastrana, President of the Republic of Colombia, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, Chairman of the South Centre, H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Foreign Minister of Indonesia; Mr. Gamani Corea, Sri Lanka; and H.E. Mr. Luis Fernando Jaramillo, Convenor of the Council.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 9th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pierre Buyoya, President of the Republic of Burundi.
2. Address by His Excellency Flt.-Lt. (Rtd.) Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Austria

   Germany

   Russian Federation

   Australia

   Bangladesh

   Peru

3 p.m. 10th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania.
2. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., President of the Republic of Guyana.
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay.
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Zimbabwe

   Lao People's Democratic Republic

   Denmark

   Panama

   Belgium

   Finland

   Namibia

   Mozambique

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 21 September 1998. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Ministerial meetings

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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An informal Ministerial Meeting on the negotiation towards conclusion of the Protocol to strengthen the Biological Convention will be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Conference

A conference on the theme "The African of the 21st Century", co-sponsored by the Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Organization of African Unity to the United Nations (OAU) and African Amicale, will take place on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and current Chairman of OAU, will be the speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

5th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: *High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications*

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, Senegal, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, China, Thailand and Algeria; H. E. Mr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the representatives of Turkey, Maldives, Belarus, Brazil, Morocco and Viet Nam; H. E. The Hon. Manuel B. Villar Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines; the representatives of the Russian Federation, Malaysia and Bolivia; Mr. Oleksandr Brodsky, Deputy Chairman of the National Agency for Development and European Integration of Ukraine; and the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Friday, 18 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3928th meting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/855, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/855).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/855) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1197 (1998).

3929th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/849)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/863, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/863).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/863) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1198 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

6th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 6th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/181).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman declared open the meeting and suspended it awaiting the availability of the missing document.

The meeting was resumed at 10.30 a.m.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire), Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas) and Mr. Miles Armitage (Australia), Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly addressed to him (A/C.5/53/1) on the allocation of items to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman made a statement and reiterated the pertinent provisions regarding organizational aspects recommended by the General Assembly as contained in document A/53/250. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) for the Committee's consideration.

Statements concerning the proposed programme of work and status of preparedness of documentation were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Poland (who aligned himself with the statement of Austria on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Japan, Tunisia, Morocco, Cuba, and Egypt.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and the Secretary of the Fifth Committee responded to questions.

The Committee took note of the proposed programme of work in A/C.5/53/L.2 pending its receipt of a revised programme which would take into account the comments made during the course of the meeting.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Fifth Committee would be held on Monday, 5 October at 10 a.m.

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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

First Ministerial Round Table

At the request of the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State of Germany, chaired the first Ministerial Round Table on "National responses to globalization". H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, served as Rapporteur.

During the dialogue, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Ireland, Indonesia, Egypt, Japan, India, the Netherlands, Ghana, Canada, Mexico and Malaysia.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made some closing remarks.

Second Ministerial Round Table

At the request of the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, chaired the second Ministerial Round Table on "International responses to globalization". H.E. Dr. Janis Priedkalns, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, served as Rapporteur.

During the dialogue, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, India, the United States, Austria, the Philippines and Ghana. The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made some closing remarks.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done at New York on 10 June 1958

Accession: Republic of Moldova (18 September 1998)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons), adopted on 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Uruguay (18 September 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Bulgaria (18 September 1998)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security announcement

The Pass and Identification Unit, located on the main level of the UNITAR building (801 UN Plaza) (entrance at the corner of 45th Street and First Avenue), will be open for extended service on Saturday and Sunday, 19 and 20 September 1998, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Monday, 21 September, from 7 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. On Sunday, 20 September, after 7 p.m, the office will remain open by appointment only. Grounds passes will be issued for the delegations at the UNITAR building and for non-governmental organizations and the media at the UNICEF House, Labouisse Hall (Saturday, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday: 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m).

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

Western European and Other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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